



Living with Cancer Chemotherapy

Warren Grant Magnuson Clinical Center
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Dexrazoxane (Zinecard®)

At the Clinical Center referred to as dexrazoxane (dex-ra-ZOX-ane).

How Given: Intravenously (by vein).

Drug Action: Dexrazoxane may protect the heart from harmful effects caused by certain cancer drugs.

Side Effects:

1. Bone marrow effects can include a temporary decrease in white blood cells.
2. Mild nausea and vomiting can occur.

Special Instructions:

1. Do not take aspirin or aspirin-containing products unless prescribed by your NIH doctor.
2. Call your NIH doctor or nurse if you
 - are unable to drink for more than 1 day or unable to eat for more than 2 days after treatment
 - have a temperature of 101.0 °F (38.3 °C) at any time, or have a temperature of at least 100.4 °F (38.0 °C) that lasts 1 hour or occurs two times within a 24-hour period



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